ties in income. Almost all the points of the Twenty Point Programme including Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) and Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP) are oriented towards the target groups in the rural areas. These programmes have been continued in the Seventh Five Year Plan with an accelerated pace with emphasis on agricultural growth, developing the potential of dry land agriculture and adoption of special measures to increase the productivity of small and marginal farmers.

Irrational Drug Formulation Sub-Committee

3151. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some State Drugs Controllers are members of the Irrational Drug Formultion Sub-Committee of the Drugs Consultative Committee;

(b) whether it is a fact that the above sub-committee had recommended banning many drugs formulations, which were found safe and efficacious and licensed by the Drugs Controllers; and

(c) if so, the justification and sanctity of the recommendations of the Sub-Committee.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) The sub-committee of experts of the Drugs Consultative Committee examine the drug formulations from the angle of benefit and risk ratio, effectiveness and rationality of formulations including fixed dose combination of drugs in the context of present knowledge and data generated all over the world. Although some State Drug Controllers might have licensed certain formulations in the past as per the information of safety and efficacy available at that point of time, yet it may become necessary to review such formulations in the context of the present knowledge as per post-marketing surveillance and other information on drug formulations being generated all over the world. The review of marketed drugs has been a practice in many developed and developing countries.

Delay in LCA project

3152. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Comptroller and Auditor General has taken a serious view of the inordinate delay in the development of prestigious LCA Project resulting in cost escalation and under-utilisation of the capacity of HAL;

(b) what are the reasons for this inordinate delay;

(c) whether any foreign collaboration has been finalised; and

(d) by when will the LCA be commissioned and what will be its cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) The Comptroller and Auditor General of India, in their report on H.A.L. of 1987, have mentioned that there were delays in LCA project which contributed to under-utilisation of capacities in Bangalore Complex of H.A.L.

(b) Under the Project Definition Phase (PDP) there has been some delay due to the following:—

(i) Technical complexities;

(ii) Difficulties in evaluation of capabilities and proposals of foreign consultants and approvals of such proposals;

(ii) Teething problems in the establishment and operation of a new "inter-agency" working procedures which are required for LCA;

(iv) Budget allocations.

(c) No, Sir. During the Project Definition phase, foreign consultancy has been availed. For the development phase no decision has yet been taken.

(d) Series production of LCA is likely to commence in 1996. The unit estimated cost is Rs. 10.3 crores at 1984-85 price levels. It is however, dependent on production run, policy on amortization of cost etc.

Imported Equipment Given to Private Clinic by the Cancer Society of Gujarat

3153. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Cancer Society of Gujarat has given various imported equipment to a private clinic, the Shah Diagnostic Institute, Baroda/Ahmedabad;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether permission from the Government of India has been taken for resale of the Lithotripter and other imported equipment; and

(d) if not, whether Government propose to take action in this regard and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Jobs for the Widows of Defence Personnel

3154. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1483 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd November, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the rules and guidelines for giving jobs to widows of soldiers and defence employees who die on duty;

(b) the number of army widows who have been given jobs on compassionate grounds during the last three years;

(c) the number of applications from army widows still pending; and

(d) the number of applications from army widows rejected so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Under the Office Memorandum of the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms No. 14024|6|77-Est. (D) dated 31-12-1979, it has been provided that for the purpose of appointment to Group C and D posts under the Central Government filled through the employment exchange, upto 2 members each of the families of defence services personnel killed in service or severely disabld (with over 50 per cent disability and who have become unfit for employment, disability being attributable to military service) whether during war time or peace time are given priority IIA. Such requests of dependents are to be registered with the Ex-servicemen Cell, Director General of Employment and Training, Ministry of Labour which has to provide the necessary sponsorship and employment assistance. The death or disability has to be attributable to military service.

When a Government servant (including personnel serving in Armed Forces) dies in harness leaving his family in immediate need of assistance, when there is no other earning member in the family, a son/daughter/near relative of the deceased is eligible for compassionate appointment to a Group 'C' or 'D' post against direct recruitment quota, in relaxation of Employment Exchange Staff Selection Commission recruitment procedures. The death need not be attributable to service. The orders in this regard issued from time to time have been consolidated and issued by the Department of Personnel and Training in their Office Memorandum No.